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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) An amphibious vehicle having a body, retractable road wheels mounted to the body and arranged to be moved from a lower road engaging position in a land mode to an upper faired position in a marine mode, at least one of the wheels being drivable by means of a wheel drive shaft connectable to a prime mover of the vehicle, the drivable wheel(s) having a wheel transmission comprising a drive shaft, the drive shaft comprising an inner and outer constant velocity joint, characterized in that the inner joint is of the fixed or non-plugging type, and the outer constant velocity joint is a plugging joint.

2. (original) An amphibious vehicle according to claim 1, where at least two wheels are drivable by means of a wheel drive shafts connectable to a prime mover of the vehicle, the drivable wheels having wheel transmissions each comprising a drive shaft, each drive shaft comprising an inner and outer constant velocity joint, characterized in that each inner joint is of the fixed or non-plugging type, and each outer constant velocity joint is a plugging joint.

3. (currently amended) An amphibious vehicle according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, where a decoupler is incorporated in at least one inner constant velocity joint.

4. (currently amended) An amphibious vehicle according to claim 3, where the ~~or each~~ decoupler incorporates a synchromesh mechanism.

5. (currently amended) An amphibious vehicle according to claim 1 ~~any of the above claims~~, where the vehicle is a planing vehicle, fitted with a transverse, mid-mounted prime mover.

6. (currently amended) An amphibious vehicle according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1 to 4~~, where the vehicle is a planing vehicle, fitted with a longitudinal prime mover.

7. (cancelled)

8. (new) An amphibious vehicle according to claim 2, where each decoupler is incorporated in at least one inner constant velocity joint.

9. (new) An amphibious vehicle according to claim 8, where each decoupler incorporates a synchromesh mechanism.